

Late Summer Newsletter

August - September 2023



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Items for the
October/November
Newsletter should be sent
by
Sunday 17
September
to
St Mary's Church Office



Tom King writes . . .

Discipleship, Prayer, Hospitality, Evangelism

For our Summer series at church, we have been looking at the topics of Discipleship, Prayer, Hospitality and Evangelism – set in the context of God’s Kingdom, his calling us in and his sending us out. These four focal areas have grown out of a year of prayer, discernment and deliberation by the PCC and the leadership of the church, asking what it is that God is leading us as a church into for a new season of ministry and mission through St. Mary’s.



On 22nd July we held an open meeting for the church to gather together, to hear how this has come about and what may be next. It was encouraging and positive to see so many of the church at that meeting. There is a clear sense that God is leading us into a renewed understanding of our purpose as his people here in Rushden.

At that meeting was also laid out some of what will be needed and involved in developing these four areas of mission and ministry going forward. Should you, reading this, want to find out more about what these are, do get in touch with the church office, or someone in leadership or on the PCC. What will be needed and involved in our future ministry can be expressed in many different practical ways and God has a part for all of us to play. As a church we already do many things to help and bless others, and to proclaim the Good News of life and freedom that is found in Jesus. However, to promote an outward-looking ministry, there are other opportunities for mission already available locally through established organisations, that we can support more deliberately with our time and money.

Because our time and money are limited, there may be difficult choices to be made about how to employ them best. The four areas of ministry will also yet develop further over the coming months as we ask the Holy Spirit to continue leading us. To that end, during the first week of September we will be holding a week of prayer among the church. If you could contribute an hour of your time that week to pray and seek God, then there will be opportunity to sign up and encourage one another in our unity. The goal and the vision for all of these things is the Kingdom of God being built up, and to give God the glory for his great salvation.

Looking forward to that, have a blessed and peaceful Summer.

Tom

St Mary's News

Summary of PCC meeting held on Tuesday July 4 2023 in the Lower Vestry Hall.

14 members of the PCC were present. The minutes from previous meeting were amended and accepted. Finance and safeguarding reports were noted. Mike Gaul is to approach a colleague as our Independent Financial Examiner.

Fabric report included confirmation of updated notice board. Bell work, electrics and lighting are works in progress.

Rosemary's retirement was discussed and organist replacement update is ongoing.

Rushden Academy work and ethos discussed and a request for our involvement there was noted.

Lastly, we had a presentation from Simon of Whitefriars regarding Illuminate. This project is exciting and life changing/shaping so we will be part of the project in many different ways. Watch out for details of how to be involved!

An open meeting was arranged for Saturday July 22 to discuss the way forward for St Mary's.

The date of the next PCC meeting is Monday September 4 2023 at 7pm

Crafts and Coffee/Tea

The next meetings are on **Tuesday 1 August** and **Tuesday 5 September**.



On Tuesday 1 August they will be making **'Gift Boxes'**. For further information contact Lynne: 353655 or lynne@lateralflow.co.uk.

Children's Society Quiz

A reminder that John's Summer Quiz **'The Phrase Game'** is due in at the end of October. The Quiz is available from Pam Bailey (Church Office), Mary Hadley and Joy Holloway.



Monthly event for dads, stepdads, granddads or male carers and their younger children [0-6 yrs] with a range of toys including bouncy castle, sit-on cars and ball pool.

Saturdays 19 August & 16 September

9.30am - 12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Adults £5: children free

Just turn up!

THE REGISTERS

Weddings

Saturday 10 June

Andrew Paul Wood &
Hollie Jemma Gordge

Saturday 8 July

Michael Denis Gary Coyston &
Elizabeth Carol Moesbauer

Friday 21 July

David Richard Bailey &
Sara Leigh Bolger

Saturday 29 July

Ricky-Lee Upshall &
Kirsty Ann Ward

FUNERALS

Thursday 22 June

Hubert Dickens [100]

THANKSGIVING

Tuesday 13 June

Joyce Mary Whiteman [94]

Flower Rotas

Behind the Communion Table

August

- 6 Lynda Sandiford
- 13 Kathy & Christine
- 20 Ann Harris
- 27 Marion Bates

September

- 3 Julie West
- 10 Barbara Coxon
- 17 Ellen Inwood
- 24 Mary Hadley

Memorial Chapel

August

- 20 Mr Peter White in memory
of Andrew
Mrs Julie West

*If you would like to give flowers in
memory of loved ones please
contact Brenda Dixon: 01933 358982*

Newton News

Barn Dance

The event was well attended. Kelly's Eye provided the music for the dancing and an excellent ploughman's supper was served during the interval. The Barn Dance raised £601 for Friends of Newton Church Funds. Thank you all for your support.

**Newton News continues over the
page ...**

**Ladies Group - Wednesday 9 August
and Wednesday 13 September**

2.15pm Meet in the Church Hall.

August meeting will be a **Cream
Tea** in the Church Hall.

September meeting is **Dandelion** by
speaker Ann Smith.



Cream Tea

Newton News Continued

Newton Bromswold Village Fete

The Fete was well supported this year with plenty of entertainment including the Rushden Mission Band, Simon the organist, the ladder game and skittles as well as the usual stalls and afternoon teas. The Fancy Dress competition was judged by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Coleman and Cllr Mrs Coleman and the winner of the fancy dress was Arthur Coulson dressed as Bob the Builder. The Fete raised a magnificent £2027.99 for Church funds. Special thanks to our friends at St Mary's for coming to support the 'Come and Chat' space.

Newton Bible Study and Question

Night led by Reverend Dr Glyn Ackerley commences on Wednesday 30 August at 7pm and then every 2 weeks in The Swan, Newton Bromswold.

Church Bike Ride

The Northants Historic Churches Trust Church Bike Ride takes place on Saturday 9 September from 10am to 6pm and Newton Church will be open during these times. The sponsorship raised from the Church Bike Ride participants will be split 50:50 between Newton Church and Northants Historic Churches Trust. If you would like to participate, please contact Helen Lines for forms.

FLOWERS

August

6 Mrs Dangerfield
13 Rosemary Coulson
20 Mrs Hollis
27 Mrs Burt

September

3 Helen Lines
10 June Clarke
17 Sarah
24 Julie Allen

Harvest Festival and Harvest Sale

Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 24 September at 10am and the Harvest Sale will take place in The Swan on Tuesday 26 September at 7.30pm. where Glyn Ackerley will be acting as auctioneer. Gifts of Harvest Produce welcome.



Quiz Night

On Saturday 7 October starting at 7:30pm, Friends of Newton Church will be hosting a Quiz Night in The Swan, Newton Bromswold, entry fee is £10 for a team of 4.

THE REGISTERS

Weddings

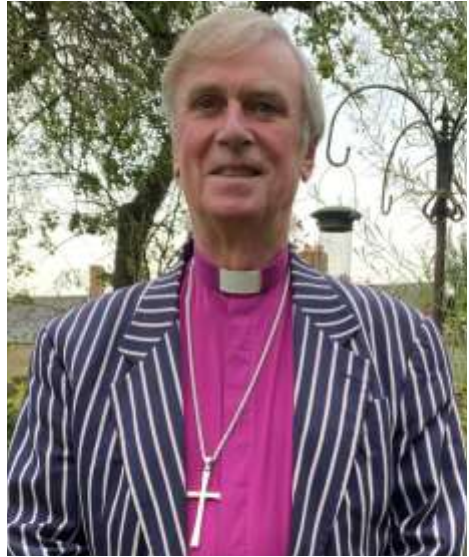
Saturday 15 July
Arabella Turner &
Gus Allen

Rejoice in our differences

Over the last year or so, I have begun to get to know a few of you, and in these months of Episcopal Vacancy, I have been travelling round the Diocese a little more helping Bishop John and his colleagues keep up the round of confirmations, licensings and Institutions. It remains a delight to meet you as I do so.

On one of my travels recently, I heard a piece on the radio reflecting on what may have happened to the bodies of Maurice Bishop (the former Prime Minister of Grenada) and his close colleagues who were executed (some might almost say “assassinated”, such was the haste and irregularity of it) in the wake of the troubles in Grenada in the autumn of 1983. Their bodies just disappeared, and haven’t been found since, exacerbating the grief of at least one widow. Political inexpediency seems to lie at the bottom of that – the risk of encouraging the notion of a martyr’s grave was deemed too great.

I was in Grenada for Holy Week and Easter the following year. I was coming to the end of a 3 year post as Tutor in the Theological College in Barbados (actually the oldest Theological College in the Anglican church, three years ahead on England’s first!). If you are ever in



Barbados, Codrington College is well worth visiting. I had offered to take the services in a parish on the coast, south of the Capital, which had then been in vacancy for over 18 months with no sign of an appointment. I think it remains the single hardest week of my ministry – and amongst the most rewarding. I was, as one always is in the Caribbean, warmly welcomed amongst them. The wardens were anxious to reassure me that there would be no animosity or fallout from the American Intervention 6 months before. Then they paused, and said – “well, perhaps it would be best if you avoided the street that runs alongside the docks down in the port, but everywhere else will be fine.”

Well, that was too great a challenge. The moment they had gone and left me to settle into the parish's empty Rectory, I put on my cassock and walked down to the docks. I walked slowly, down the middle of the street I had been warned to avoid, and it seemed completely empty. I was just beginning to think the wardens had been too cautious, when round a bend at the end of the road came a group of young male Grenadians, and they weren't smiling. They spread out into a solid line filling the width of the street and came towards me.

Suddenly, I didn't feel quite so confident, but I kept walking and I kept smiling – resolving to let them be the first to speak. They stopped, and I had as well. Silence reigned – me smiling, them not. It seemed a very long moment and I was kicking myself mentally for not heeding the wardens' very wise advice. Then the young man (probably about ten years younger than me) right in front of me smiled and said "Father, you are going to stay with us aren't you?" The relief was enormous and I resolved never to judge anyone on the basis of what they looked like

again. Over the years to since, again and again, I have thought how important it is to rejoice in our differences, as well as all that hold us together.

I hope you all have a really good summer.

With my prayers and best wishes



+Jonathan Meyrick
Honorary Assistant Bishop and
Archbishop's Commissary



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Mission Matters

A Cry for Help.



For five years in a row the rainy season failed. Drought caused livestock and crops to perish and people went hungry. Finally, rain fell, but the hardened earth could not absorb it. Flash floods brought yet more devastation.

This is the experience of around 20.1 million people in Ethiopia. They are doing all they can to survive, but they need urgent food support. One young mother has said, “I lost all my cows years ago and our daily life is full of hopelessness....I am worried about what to feed my child every day.”

Tearfund, working with an Ethiopian church organisation, is providing cash grants to meet the most urgent needs. Training is also being given to help families be better prepared for future crises.

Bare Dera, an Ethiopian pastor, is very grateful for the support which is being given, and says, “We want you to pray for us so that God may help us come out of this dark time.” And Tearfund reminds us, “Poverty is not God’s plan. You are.”

Let’s bring this urgent need to the Lord in prayer. And let’s be willing to give cheerfully, as he leads us, so that we may be part of the answer to it.



Gifts can be sent via
tearfund.org/kubsa
or call 020 3906 3906
or by post to Tearfund, 100 Church Road, Teddington, TW11 8QE

Sue Eagles, for the Mission Committee.

Wildlife Trust

Help your local Wildlife Trust

If you help to top up our local Wildlife Trust's Acorn Fund they are able to multiply the impact by ten. Landfill site operators pay a tax when they bury waste. Some of this goes into the Landfill Communities Fund and can be used for projects which benefit the environment. Wildlife Trust's contribution is 10%, which unlocks grants worth ten times more. Go to wildlifebcn.org/acorn appeal



Wildlife Trust for
**Beds, Cambs
& Northants**

Wildlife Trust

Our local Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants has recently published its **2023 Impact Report**. It reminds us that UK species have seen numbers decline of 41% since 1970 and 15% are under threat of extinction. For more vital information on the state of the natural world locally and how you can affect that, go on line at wildlifebcn.org.



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Belfry Gossip

Belfry Gossip

It is great to see that Pam has been recovering well and is back in the belfry with us again following her operation.

Since last time our tower entered a team, along with four other teams, in the Branch Striking competition, which was held on a lovely sunny evening at Wilby. The competition was kindly judged for us by the Ringing Master of the Guilsborough Branch, who commented on each team's striking before giving a score for their performance. We were declared to be the winning team, and the shield is now hanging in the tower again until the competition next year. Well done everyone who entered.

The Guild also held its Annual General Meeting, this year at Marston St Lawrence in the Culworth Branch, where members with 50 year's membership were read out and certificates presented, two members were elected Honorary Life Members and then the reports of the last years activities were reviewed and accepted before election of officers took place for the coming year. Simon and Cathy were re-elected to continue. The Guild calendar and events for next year's centenary were outlined before some Rule changes were proposed and accepted before Any Other Business updates and announcements.

Several of us have also joined the Wellingborough Branch ringers in ringing at Orthingbury, Irthingborough and Wollaston during the last two months.

You may have noticed that the church clock is currently not striking the hours, this is because a spring which holds the hammer just clear of the bell has broken allowing the hammer to be continuously resting on the bell; this could cause damage to the bell, so the hammer has been pulled clear from the bell. We are now waiting for the replacement spring to be made and fitted.

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www.northantsadultlearning.ac.uk

Extra Words for late Summer Edition

Every man will sit under his own
vine

and under his own fig tree,
and no-one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

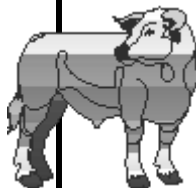
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Church Diary

August

- 1 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon** - **Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - contact details on p4
- 9 **Wednesday: 2.15pm** - **Ladies' Group** is **A Cream Tea** in the Church Hall.
- 10 **Thursday: 7.30pm** - **Prayer, Praise and Presence**
- 19 **Saturday: 9.30-12noon** - **Who Let The Dads Out?** Monthly event for dads, stepdads, granddads, male carers and their younger children [0- 6 years old] Adults £5: children free.
- 21 - 23 **Monday - Wednesday: 9.00am-12noon** - **Summer Holiday Club**
St Mary's Holiday Club for all primary school aged children. £15 per child: £10 per sibling. Booking forms available at the back of Church, Helen Smedley on 07495 304974 or hisimcock@gmail.com or the Church Office.
- 30 **Wednesday: 7.00pm** - **Newton Bible Study & Question Night** - more details on p6

September

- 4 **Monday: 7.30pm** - **PCC Meeting** in the Vestry Hall
- 5 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon** - **Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - contact details on p4
- 9 **Saturday: 10.00am-6.00pm** - **Church Bike Ride at Newton Bromswold** - more details on p6
- 13 **Wednesday: 2.15pm** - **Ladies' Group** meet in the Church Hall, this month we are looking at Dandelions with Ann Smith.
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- 24 **Sunday: 10.00am** - **Harvest Festival** at Newton Bromswold
- 26 **Tuesday: 7.30pm** - **Harvest Sale** at the Swan in Newton Bromswold

October

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Services for August 2023

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 6 August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service
11.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 13 August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Worship & Word 10.00am Family Service
11.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 20 August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Worship & Word 10.00am Family Service
11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Worship & Word 10.00am Holy Communion
11.15am Morning Prayer

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays - August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

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